Relaxation of textile quota for USA

*228. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether talks are proposed to be held between the Governments of India and the United States in Washington in May, 1988 to consider the Indian demand for relaxation of textile quota and about countervailing duties being imposed on its exports to the United States; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) Talks were held between the Government of India and the Government of U.S.A. at New Delhi on 6th and 7th May, 1988. As a result of these talks, the Government of U.S.A. has agreed to provide an additional quota of 13 Million Square Yards Equivalent (MSYE) for the Group II which comprises essentially textile products not subject to any specific restraint. The meeting also decided on specific limits for cotton yarn, duck fabrics and cotton poplin broad cloth fabric. The issue of countervailing duties did not figure in these talks.

Permission for enhancement of levy of profession tax sought by the Andhra Pradesh Government

*229. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Andhra Pradesh Government has sought permission from the Central Government for the enhancement of the ceiling of Profession Tax from Rs. 250 to Rs. 1000;

(b) if so, since how long this request is pending with the Central Government; and

(c) by when a decision is likely to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal is under active consideration of the Government of India.

Robberies and murders in South Delhi

*230. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of robberies and murders have been on the increase in South Delhi during the last six months;

(b) if so, what is the total number of such cases reported during the above period; and

(c) what steps are being taken by the Delhi Police to intensify police patrolling so as to ensure safety of the public?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) to (c) In the South Delhi Police District, during the period 1-11-1987 to 30-4-1988, 40 cases of murder and 13 cases of robbery have been reported. During the corresponding period of last year *viz.* from 1-11-1986 to 30-4-1987, 30 cases of murder and 32 cases of robbery were reported. As such, while there is substantial decrease in the number of robbery cases, there is some increase in murder cases in this area.

2. A large number of police vehicles have been deployed in the area to act as mobile check posts. Motor-cycle patrolling has also been introduced in conjunction with the Police Control Room vehicles. Besides, foot patrolling is also done in sensitive areas. The Home Guards and Special Police Officers are also used for patrolling.